

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are currently pending. Claims 6 and 18 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-5, 9, 10 and 12-17 are rejected. Applicants thankfully acknowledge that claims 7, 8, 11 and 19 are objected to and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants herein affirms the election with traverse to prosecute the invention of species (A). Claims 1-5, 8-9, 11-19 and new claims 20 and 21 read on the invention of species (A).

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiest et al. Wiest et al discloses a terpolymer used as a binder for non-woven fabrics or a copolymer suitable for the production of detergents and coatings to withstand the stresses of repeated dry cleaning. The terpolymer disclosed in Wiest et al. is used in an entirely different field and for an entirely different purpose (i.e. non-woven binders to improve solvent resistance) then Applicant's invention. One looking to solve Applicants problem would not look to the field and purpose solved by Wiest et al. Claim 1 is amended and support of the amendment can be found in the specification on pages 2-4. Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection based on Wiest et al.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Adur et al. Claim 2 is amended and is distinguish able present invention over Adur et al. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification on page 3. Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection based on Adur et al.

Claims 4 and 5 are allowable as they depend from amended claim 2, which is believed allowable.

Claim 11 was objected to and is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim.

Claims 12, 15, 16 and 17 are allowable as they depend from amended claim 11, which is allowable.

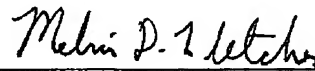
Claims 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Thompson in view of Wiest et al, as applied in claim 10, further in view of Heeter et al. Claims 13-14 are allowable as they depend from amended claim 11, which is allowable.

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Applicants request reconsideration of all dependent claims in light of the above remarks and amendments.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhausted, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all-pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressly stated herein. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment or cancellation of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of any claim prior to its amendment or of any claim canceled.

Respectfully submitted,



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